



98

97

By the King.

# A PROCLAMATION

For a THANKSGIVING for the late VICTORY by

His Majesties Naval Forces,

Against the DUTCH.

CHARLES R.



Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God in his late Providence towards Us and Our People, to manifest at once the glory both of his Power and Mercy, in giving Us a happy Victory over Our Adversaries at Sea, filling the hearts of Us and Our People as full of joy and thankfulness, as becomes so transcendent a Mercy; We cannot upon the due consideration hereof, but with all humility admire and adore the mercy and goodness of God in this his signal manifestation thereof; and we look upon it as an invitation from Heaven to Us and all Our People unto most entire Thankfulness for the same; to the end some Solemn time may be set apart for the publick performace of this Duty, that We and all Our Subjects in England and Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, may pay Our just tribute of Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, We do hereby Publish and Declare, and also strictly Charge and Command, That Tuesday the Fourteenth day of this instant August be set apart and observed as a day of Publick Thanksgiving in the Cities of London and Westminster, Borough of Southwark, and other places adjacent. And that Thursday the Thre and twentieth of this instant August, the like be kept and duly observed through the rest of this whole Realm of England, and Dominion of Wales. And for the more orderly performace thereof, We by the advice of Our Reberend Bishops, have directed to be Composed, Printed and Published, the Forms of such Prayers and publick Thanksgivings, as We have thought fit to be used in all Churches and places at their publick Meetings; and have given charge to Our Bishops to disperse the same throughout the whole Kingdom. And We do also direct and appoint, That this Our Proclamation be publickly read in all Churches and Chappels, on some Lords-day precedent to the said days of Thanksgiving hereby appointed, to the end that notice may be taken thereof, and due Thanks and Praise may upon the said Days be offered up unto Almighty God; And that humble Supplications be poured out before him for his continual assistance, and improvement of this and all his Mercies to the Honour of his great Name, and the Peace and benefit of Us and our People; Willing and strictly Commanding all persons within Our said Realm and Dominions, with all Sobriety, Reberence, and Thankfulness to observe this Day, as becomes so solemn an occasion.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Sixth day of August, 1666. In the Eighteenth year of Our Reign.

## God save the King.

LONDON,

Printed by John Bill and Christopher Barker, Printers to the Kings most Excellent Majesty, 1666.